of Pollution) Act, 1981, conditional consents are granted to industries with a time bound programme for compliance. Industries are directed to carry out monitoring of emisions from their chimneys at prescribed frequencies and also monitor ambient air quality in and around their plant. Ambient air quality and stack emission checks are carried out at regular intervals by the Bombay Municipal Corporation and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, emission standards for smoke and carbonmonoxide are being implemented from 1-3-90. Clean fuel is encouraged in Bombay, furnace oil and coal is discouraged as fuel. Legal action, against defaulting industries under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 Water (Prevntion and Control of Pollutoin) Act, 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986 is being taken.

Maximum age limit for IAS, allied services and other competitive examinations

2367. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum age limit for IAS and Allied Services examinations has been raised to 28 years;

(b) whether the Government have also raised the age for other competitive examinations;

(c) if the answer to (b) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to raise the age limit for Group 'C' and 'D' posts from 25 years to 30 years; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) Recruitment to the I.A.S. and Allied Services is made through the Civil Services Examination. The upper age limit for recruitment through the Civil Services Examination, 1990 has been raised from 26 to 31 years in respect of general candidates. From 1991 examination onwards it will be 28 years. A similar decision has been taken in respect of the Indian Forest Service Examination also.

(d) and (e) Age limits for appointments to various posts are fixed keeping in view the nature of duties and requirement of educational qualification etc. There is no proposal to raise the age limit for recruitment to Group 'C' & 'D' posts.

Ordnance Factory in Bihar

2368. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Ordnance Factory in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to establish an Ordnance Factory in the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Thre is no proposal at present under consideration to set up an Ordnance Factory.

(c) Decision regarding establishment of an Ordnance Factory is taken on the basis of strategic considerations and requirements.

Protection of Gibbon Species

2369. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gibbon has recently been sighted in the Simplipal National Park;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to protect this rare ape species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA